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HILL ACTIVITY
(Last Five Years)

	Committee Briefings	Correspondence	Personal Contacts
1971	17	685	1570
1970	21	1000	1200
1969	29	1000	1400
1968	18	1000	1400
1967	33	1700	1700
Total	118	5385	7270
Average:	234 briefings per/year	1080	1450

Individual Briefings

1971	120
1970	80
1969	65
1968	60+
Total	325

Average: 81 individual briefings

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1. The Agency is primarily responsible to four Subcommittees of the Congress--these are Subcommittees of the House and Senate Armed Services and Appropriations Committees. The Agency keeps these Subcommittees informed on every aspect of its operations, programs, budget, personnel strength, etc. It also provides these Subcommittees with periodic intelligence briefings on world events bearing on U. S. security.

2. Besides these periodic intelligence briefings several times a year, the Agency is in continuing contact on virtually a daily basis with the Chairmen or staff members of these four Subcommittees, keeping them fully and promptly informed on both intelligence items of special significance and Agency activities of all kinds.

3. In addition to these contacts with the four oversight Subcommittees, the Agency periodically briefs a number of other congressional committees and subcommittees, particularly the full Armed Services Committees of the House and Senate; the Defense Subcommittees of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees; the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and various of its Subcommittees; the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy; etc.

4. Over the past five years the Agency has averaged 23 briefings per year of congressional committees and major subcommittees.

5. Besides these formal briefings of committees and subcommittees, the Agency regularly briefs individual members of Congress on particular subjects on request. Over the past five years there has been an average of 81 such briefings per year in the Washington area.

6. Moreover, Agency officers stationed overseas are frequently called upon to brief travelling congressional delegations, members, or staff investigators in the field.

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7. In addition to briefings on intelligence and operational matters, the Agency has regular contact with the Congress on a wide variety of other subjects, including response to queries, congressional recommendations for applicants for employment, etc.

8. Over the past five years the Agency has received, and responded to, an average of 1, 080 written communications per year from members of Congress, and Agency officers have had an average of 1, 450 personal contacts per year with members of Congress and their staffs.

9. The CIA's relations with Congress, and its responsibilities to various committees and subcommittees, are governed by ground rules laid down by the congressional leadership. Any problems arising in connection with CIA congressional relations are referred to the Chairmen of the appropriate oversight Subcommittees for resolution.

10. In accordance with the existing ground rules, the present Director of Central Intelligence has never failed to respond to questions and requests by any congressional committee on any matter within the Agency's competence and within the committee's jurisdiction.

11. In view of the recent controversy in the U. S. Senate about "secret" Agency activities in Laos, it is interesting to note that the Agency has briefed Senate committees or subcommittees in detail on this subject on 28 occasions. In the course of these briefings, and individual informal discussions, a total of 57 members of the Senate have been fully informed about the Agency's role in Laos.

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